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In re application of

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METAL MATERIAL HAVING FORMED THEREON CHROMIUM OXIDE,
PASSIVE FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PARTS
CONTACTING WITH FLUID AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLYING FLUID AND
EXHAUSTING GAS

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 22, 2007

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

- (1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.
- This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:
  - (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under §1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
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- Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
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